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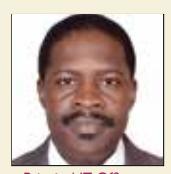
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Our new promise



We are delighted to unveil to you The Judiciary Insider magazine, the latest publication by the Judiciary as one of the tools of communicating institutional programmes and initiatives. The now bigger and refreshed magazine replaces the former eight-page Judiciary Today newsletter, whose last published copies were seen around mid-2011.

Now with a strengthened Judiciary Department of Public Affairs and Communication and a Communication Strategy supporting effective dissemination of information and communication, we believe we have the right resources to have this publication on every last Friday of each month.

The Judiciary Insider is planned to focus on both institutional and people initiatives, highlighting the achievements of staff, and sharing experiences across the departments.

This magazine edition mainly highlights key activities and events of 2014, and the major happenings in the institution since the start of 2015, like the Opening of the New Law Year, Swearing-in ceremonies, and some of the innovative approaches the institution has been undertaking.

Our plan is to identify and encourage cross-functional correspondents to file stories from their respective departments. Yes, we will be expecting a lot of contribution from you (judicial officers and staff members) to the magazine in form of sharing newsworthy information and photographs, written articles, analyses and Op-Eds every month.

Together with the already active Judiciary website judicature.go.ug, and other social media such as Facebook, Twitter and our blog: judiciaryuganda.blogspot.com, the magazine will be one of the primary sources of information for the official information and positions of the Judiciary on various issues.

The platforms will be quite handy in promoting the upcoming process of rebranding the Judiciary, as the institution makes a fresh and bold promise to all the stakeholders that associate with institution and its services. We truly believe this initiative will help us develop better strategies to deliver to our stakeholders' set of expectations.

Solomon Muyita

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17th Annual Judges Conference

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Theme

The Role of the Judiciary in Transforming Uganda's Society.

Introduction

Globally and in Sub Saharan Africa, Uganda ranks very low in as far as doing business and or competitiveness of the economy is concerned. *The Doing Business Index Report 2014* identified inefficiencies, corruption, wastefulness and limited use of technology as some of the reasons Uganda was lagging behind and must address to spur economic growth. The Judiciary was among the institutions which, are blamed for Uganda's poor standing in as far as doing business is concerned.

Locally, the private sector and the public consider the justice system to be slow, corrupt, inefficient and a hindrance to economic growth. Equally, the JLOS Integrity Survey and Baseline Survey 2013 found significant gaps in service delivery in the chain of justice especially in the courts. Various integrity surveys conducted by the Justice Law and Order Sector Integrity Committee have equally found significant gaps in the administration of justice which must be addressed if the Judiciary is to significantly contribute to transforming Uganda's society for the better.

The Government on the other hand, seems not to consider the Judiciary among the priority sectors of the economy in spite of the fact that Judiciary is an equal arm of the state and pivotal in harnessing the rule of law which, is a

prerequisite for development.

Internally the Judiciary, continues to grapple with implementing structural reforms to address the constraints limiting the expeditious delivery of justice and factors impacting negatively on the Judiciary's abilities to transform society.

Despite the above challenges, there is a lot of appetite and consensus internally and externally that the Judiciary is critical in transforming society by ensuring the safety of the person, security of property and protecting rights of all to gainfully engage in development activities for the overall good of humanity. The Judiciary, can only play this important role if it is efficient, effective, competitive and ideologically positioned to take on its responsibilities in developing the economy.

Rationale

- To identify and agree on reforms in the Judiciary to improve Uganda's global competitiveness.
- To articulate the important role the Judiciary plays in the transformation of society especially in facilitating the priority sectors of the economy, the private sector and expansion of the Gross Domestic Product of Uganda.
- To identify key reforms that will reduce the cost of accessing justice and doing business in Uganda.
- To identify and articulate the key drivers of growth in the Judiciary.
- To show case reforms currently being implemented in the Judiciary, which have a direct bearing on the

transformation of the economy.

- To carry out a stock taking exercise on the performance of the Judiciary.

On the Agenda

The role of Court Room Technology in the administration of justice.

- Engendering Performance Management, Change Management and Accountability in the Judiciary.
- Innovations for Reducing the cost, Lead times and Inequality in accessing justice in Uganda.
- The role of the Judiciary in promoting investment and development in Uganda.
- Managing relations between the arms of the Government, JLOS and the public.
- Management of Election Disputes for the 2016 General Elections.

Expected Output

- A charter of Reforms to make the Judiciary efficient, effective and responsive to the development needs of Uganda.
- Consensus on institutional and individual targets for the Judiciary.
- Partnership between the Judiciary and the private sector.
- Improved relations between the Judiciary and other arms of the government

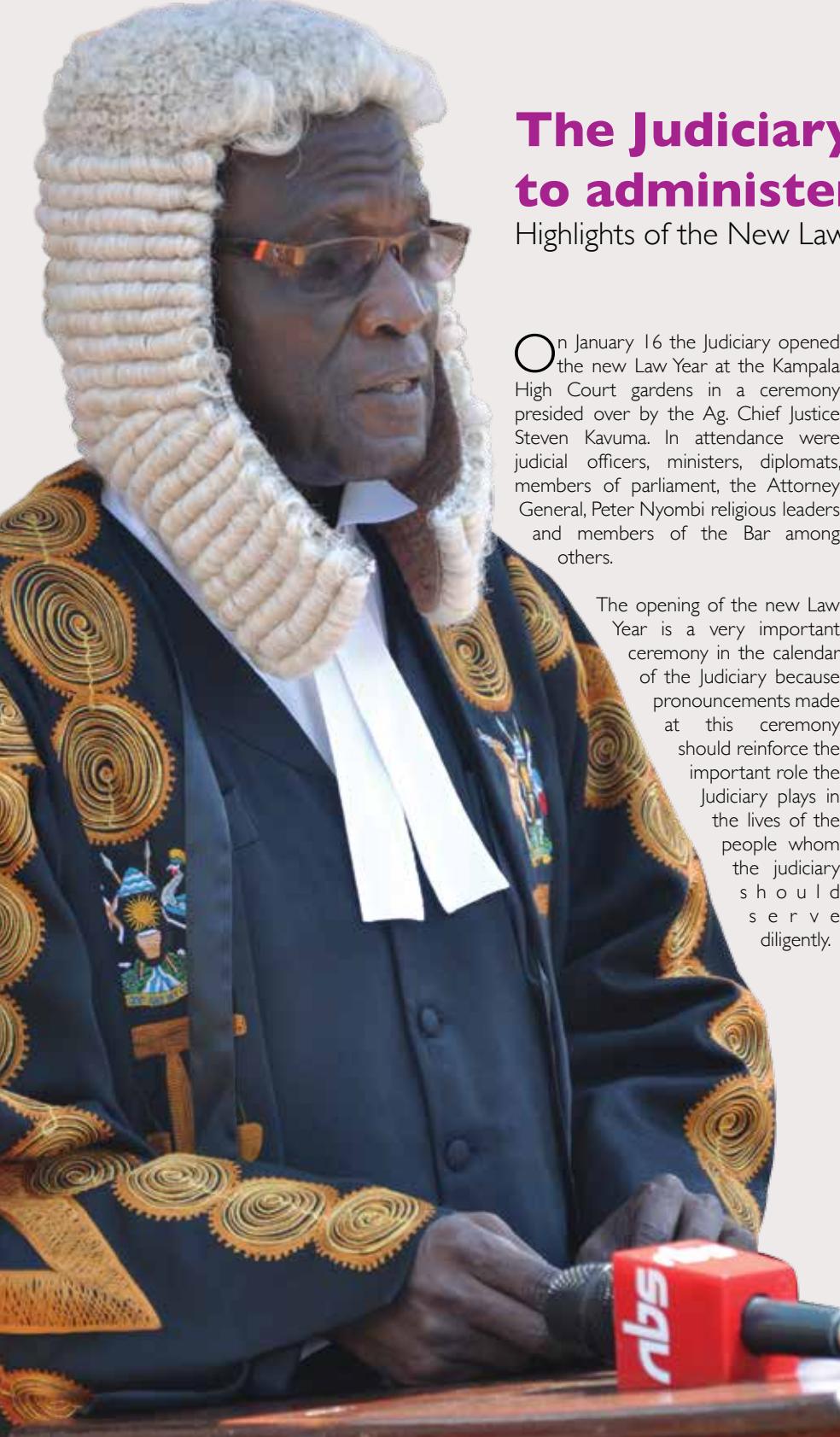
Speakers

Speakers are to be drawn from the Judiciary, JLOS, the Government, East African Community, the World Bank and the Private Sector to speak on the key themes.



The Judiciary committed to administer justice

Highlights of the New Law Year - 2015



On January 16 the Judiciary opened the new Law Year at the Kampala High Court gardens in a ceremony presided over by the Ag. Chief Justice Steven Kavuma. In attendance were judicial officers, ministers, diplomats, members of parliament, the Attorney General, Peter Nyombi religious leaders and members of the Bar among others.

The opening of the new Law Year is a very important ceremony in the calendar of the Judiciary because pronouncements made at this ceremony should reinforce the important role the Judiciary plays in the lives of the people whom the judiciary should serve diligently.

Kavuma challenged judicial officers to make individual assessment if they administered justice in the previous year in accordance with Article 126 of the Constitution of Uganda. He called upon judicial officers to administer justice to all without fear or favour.

Justice Kavuma stated that the Judiciary can only carry out its responsibilities if it is independent, trusted and respected by all regardless of their standing in society.

"At the very minimum, an efficient Judiciary requires competent and well qualified Judicial officers and personnel who are trustworthy and with impeccable record of conduct. The Judiciary also requires sufficient administrative and support staff; adequate resources to meet its professional and administrative obligations; adequate infrastructure and other facilities to carry out its mandate which is rooted in practice and the law. A Judiciary, which does not meet these minimum standards, requires the support of all to rise to the occasion," Justice Kavuma said.

He went on to highlight the performance of the Judiciary in 2014, revealing that in spite of the constraints and challenges encountered by the Judiciary over the years, it has continued to perform its core function of dispensing justice to all by disposing of more cases every year. Last year, the Judiciary completed 101,990 cases against 108,584 that were registered in the same year. The courts, on average, completed 94 per cent cases which was 0.6 cases short of reaching the threshold for tackling case backlog.

"I commend all the courts for that impressive performance, especially the Magistrates Grade II and the Chief



Justice Kavuma being welcomed by members of the Bar at the New Law Year celebrations in Kampala

Magistrates Courts that performed exceptionally well. I hope that the courts will clear the 132,555 pending cases to give hope to the many litigants who walk the corridors of judicial premises searching for justice," Justice Kavuma said. He pledged that in 2015, the Judiciary will strengthen the capacity of the courts to dispose of cases more expeditiously. In particular, the Judiciary will implement the Performance Enhancement Project as a tool to maximize the performance of the institution.

In a bid to dispose of cases faster, the Ag. CJ recommended the following targets for case disposal by individual officers: High Court judges 230 cases; Chief Magistrates 800; Magistrates Grade I, who are more than three years in service, 400 cases; Magistrates Grade I who are less than three years in service, 300 cases while Magistrate Grade II should each complete 300 cases per year.

The Supreme Court, on average, should complete 80 cases while the Court of

Appeal, running at the full bench, should complete 800 cases in a year. With the said recommended rates of disposal, it is expected that the courts should complete an estimated 162,720 cases in 2015.

To support the achievement of those targets, the Judiciary will expand the structure and service points for justice delivery. Magisterial Areas are expected to be increased from 39 to 89 to reach out to as many people as possible. It is targeted that each district in Uganda will have at least a Magistrate Grade I, while the number of Magistrate Grade one's is expected to be increased from 173 to 250, to take care of Magistrate Grade II, who are currently being phased out.

The Judiciary intends to re-demarcate High Court circuits and increase them from the current 13 to 18. The High Court circuit of Nakawa, Jinja, Mbarara, Mbale and Gulu, which are too wide and diverse, shall be re-demarcated to create new circuits.

"We are considering decentralizing the Court of Appeal initially through circuiting at Gulu, Mbale, Fort-Portal, Jinja and Mbarara to hear cases at these points.

In the meantime the Judiciary shall continue holding up-country Court of Appeal session following up on those that have so far been held in Gulu, Mbale, Mbarara and Fort-Portal. However, in the long run the Judiciary plans to have a permanent presence of the Court of Appeal in all the regions of the country," Justice Kavuma revealed.

At the same time, with the support of development Partners and the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS), the Judiciary has developed a performance management tool providing for a 360 degree assessment mechanism for judicial officers. The overall objective of the performance enhancement system is to provide a scientific criterion for assessing the performance of judicial officers. ■

Women judges in social responsibility

The National Association of Women Judges in Uganda (NAWJU) is happy with the support from the Judiciary, because the support enabled NAWJU to carry out different activities in 2014. Some of the activities NAWJU carried out included;

- Participating in the International Women Judges Conference held in Arusha, Tanzania, in May 2014. The conference provided an opportunity to NAWJU members to share the best practices and network with their counterparts at international level.
- NAWJU also held an empowerment seminar for judicial officers in December 2014, under the theme: "How to Develop and Maintain a Reputation of Excellence." At the same time, NAWJU recognized retired female judicial officers for distinguished service to the Judiciary. They included retired Justices Laetitia Kikonyogo, Alice Mpagi-Bahigeine, Caroline Akello, Anna Magezi and Mary Maitum.

"We will continue to develop and inculcate the tradition of recognizing those that have served this country," said Justice Dr Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo, the chairperson of NAWJU, in her speech at the opening of the New Law Year. "We call upon the Judiciary to adopt this best practice as well."

This year, NAWJU plans to roll out a school outreach programme that aims at increasing legal and human rights awareness and knowledge among 80,000 school going children in the country. This programme will give students an opportunity to know about Uganda's justice system and enhance their understanding of their rights and responsibilities. The Association hopes that this will help create a generation of accountable citizens. The Association also hopes that in the new Law Year more attention will be given to appointment of more judicial officers.

"The National Association of Women Judges in Uganda notes with concern that to-date the two top leadership positions in the Judiciary, namely the Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice remain vacant.

"This is in addition to other positions at the Supreme Court and other courts. We urge the appointing authority, as the case may be, to urgently address these issues. This will go a long way in helping the Judiciary overcome the problem of undue delays in the delivery of justice within its ranks, which are cause by limited human resources," said Justice Kisaakye."

She also called upon members of the Bar to continue working with the Bench to eliminate any barriers that affect the delivery of timely and quality justice, particularly for those that may not be in position to afford paying legal fees. ■



Lady justices sharing a light moment at the Judiciary main Library in Kampala

About NAWJU

National Association of Women Judges in Uganda is a membership non-profit organisation that brings together Women Judges and Magistrates who are committed to addressing injustice occurring in communities. NAWJU works at all levels of the Judiciary to eliminate gender bias and discrimination in the justice system and community at large and make courts accessible to all. It also engages in Judicial educational programmes for both female and male Judicial officers.

NAWJU objectives include advancing women and children's rights to equal justice; promoting increased access to the courts by women and children; conducting legal research on gender equality and human rights; and promoting sharing of best practices with Judges in other jurisdiction on issues of critical concern to women and children.

Make Judiciary autonomous-UJOA



The Uganda Judicial Officers' Association (UJOA) wants the Judiciary to be autonomous. "The independence of the Judiciary cannot be effectively realised if the institution is not autonomous in respect of finances and personnel" says UJOA president Vincent Emmy Mugabo.

Speaking during the opening of the New Law Year in January, Mugabo said there is urgent need to pass the Judiciary Administration Bill, which has been in limbo for long "which we believe has hindered the effective administration of the Judiciary". UJOA says budget allocation for Judiciary should be at least equivalent to Parliament at 4.4 per cent to tackle the perennial concerns of the courts.

Mugabo noted that since 1995, no solid effort has been made to operationalize the fundamental provisions of the Constitution of Uganda relating to the Judiciary. The objective of this Bill is to operationalise provisions of the constitution relating to the Judiciary, administration of justice, improve efficiency and effectiveness of the courts, strengthen the independence of courts and streamline the administration of Courts. He said this bill should be passed into law.

Mugabo also lamented about unfilled staff positions in the Judiciary. Quoting a Daily Monitor newspaper article of April 20, 2014 in which the head of Judicial Service Commission Hon. Justice James Ogoola, described the Judiciary as an ill staffed, stressed and sluggish institution to effectively enforce the rule of law. The same article called the Judiciary a disabled institution which has struggled along without a leader for more than a year, leading to an unacceptable situation where the third arm of government is unable to effectively function.

Available information shows that there are huge staffing gaps in the Judiciary. The needed staff in the Judiciary include 33 judges in the High Court, 20 Justices in the Court of Appeal, and four justices in the Supreme Court. This shortage has resulted in a situation where a High Court Judge has an average of over 400 cases to handle annually.

Reducing the issue of case backlog in courts goes hand in hand with the appointment of the judicial officers. Appointing these officers is the role of Judicial Service Commission and the President of the Republic of Uganda.

The UJOA President highlighted some Association achievements made during 2014 that included: the successful holding of the 5th Magistrates' Conference that took place in Mukono on in September; the UJOA Annual General Meeting and networking with other judicial officers associations inside and outside East Africa. UJOA collaborated with the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association, East African Magistrates and Judges Association, among others.



Some of the senior judicial officers at the New Law year in January 2015.

About UJOA

Uganda Judicial Officers Association was formed in 1970, among other things, advocate for better welfare for Judicial officers especially terms and conditions; to maintain and promote the independence of the Judiciary as enshrined in the Constitution of Uganda; to promote better cooperation and understanding among Judicial officers and to network with other sister Judicial and legal association in promoting rule of law; and to promote legal studies and undertake publication of Uganda Judicial Journal and other publications.



Bright future ahead? Newly enrolled advocates pose for a picture with the Chief Registrar, Paul Gadenya (in blue neck tie) at the Hight Court in Kampala, February 13, 2015



Judges share a light moment in the Judiciary library



Some of the Senior management staff attending the New Law year 2015 at High Court Kampala



Principal Judge, Dr Yorokamu Bamwine, leads Judges and Justices to assemble for the New Law year event



Finally Engaged: Deo Akugizibwe of the PR and Communication unit is officially introduced to the parents of his longterm fiancée, Rebecca Karungi at Nyakasura, Fort-Portal on Valentines Day - February 14, 2015



A section of lady Magistrates attending the New Law year at the High Court



At last: Our Senior Economist, Felix Okurut and wife Fiona, pose for a picture shortly after making marriage vows at All Saints Church, Nakasero on February 14, 2015. The couple later hosted their guests to a reception at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala

Judiciary headquarters: Bidders visit site



An artistic impression of the proposed Judiciary headquarters to be constructed at the Kampala High Court complex

On February 16, 2015 the Justice, Law and Order Sector held the JLOS House pre-bid briefing with various bidders for the JLOS House Project. The briefing, held at Grand Imperial Hotel, Kampala was an opportunity for bidders to interface with the JLOS structures in charge of the project – notably the Transaction Advisory Committee (TAC) that was mandated by the JLOS Steering Committee to provide oversight and coordination of the JLOS House PPP project.

Earlier on, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs on behalf of the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS) had on January 30, 2015 issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to nine (9) firms. The bidders were also given draft project agreements in respect to the design, review, construction, financing and management of the JLOS House Project under the Public Private Partnership (PPP).

The call for RFP followed submission of expressions of interest for the role of lead investor for the JLOS House project

by thirteen (13) international firms in July 2014. The house will be constructed in Naguru, Kampala.

During the meeting, bidders were given an overview of the project and the key RFP provisions. Bidders were also given an opportunity to ask questions. Later on in the day, the bidders were taken on a site tour of the proposed JLOS House Towers and Police Headquarters in Naguru, a Kampala suburb; and to the proposed Appellate Court on Plot 1, The Square.

This was followed by one-on-one clarification sessions between the bidders and the JLOS House PPP Transaction Advisory Committee (TAC) on February 17th 2015 at the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional affairs (JLOS Secretariat).

The short-listed bidders who are to respond the JLOS House PPP project RFP include: Eiffage Concessions (France), Consolidated Contractors group and Morganti (Greece), China State Construction and Engineering Company Limited (China), Shikun and Binui Arison Group and SBI International Holdings

AG. (Israel), Beijing Uni-Construction Group Company Limited (China), Mota-Engil (Portugal), and China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation (China). Others are: Complant-China Complete Plant and Import and Export Corporation Limited (China), and Group 5 Property Developments (PTY) Limited and Twed Consulting Company Limited (South Africa).

The JLOS House Complex is a multi-million dollar project whose purpose is to provide decent accommodation to all the JLOS institutions through one-stop centre offices. This will enable government to provide public services in a cost effective and responsive manner. For example a person following up a criminal complaint should be able to interact with the Police, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and the Court within the same complex reducing the cost of access to justice and at the same time leveraging the benefits of technology and modern office concepts.

The complex when complete will

provide accommodation to government ministries, institutions and specifically the Judiciary, to house the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Constitutional Court and the Criminal, Anti-Corruption and International Criminal Divisions of the High Court. Other JLOS institutions to be accommodated in the JLOS House are: Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Uganda Police, Uganda Prisons, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Law Reform Commission, Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Judicial Service Commission and the Tax Appeals Tribunal.

On completion the entire JLOS House project will provide 80,000 square meters of office space and save Government five million dollars which it spends annually on renting office premises for JLOS institutions. JLOS' goal is to reduce the cost of accessing public

services through cutting public costs of accessing our services. The sector would like to see Government services being provided as service for the people by the people.

Related and interconnected services of the 17 JLOS institutions will be provided in one central location thus reducing on the time, cost, stress and inconvenience of accessing public services. Services such as registration of companies, court services, law enforcement and payment of fees will be provided at the convenience of the public rather than Government.

Quick facts about JLOS House:

- To be constructed at Naguru, Kampala on Plot 1 under Public Private Partnership arrangement
- JLOS House to be built with cutting edge green and intelligent building technology
- Project to cost approximately \$79 million dollars (approx. 208 Billion Shillings)
- JLOS House will accommodate the following institutions:

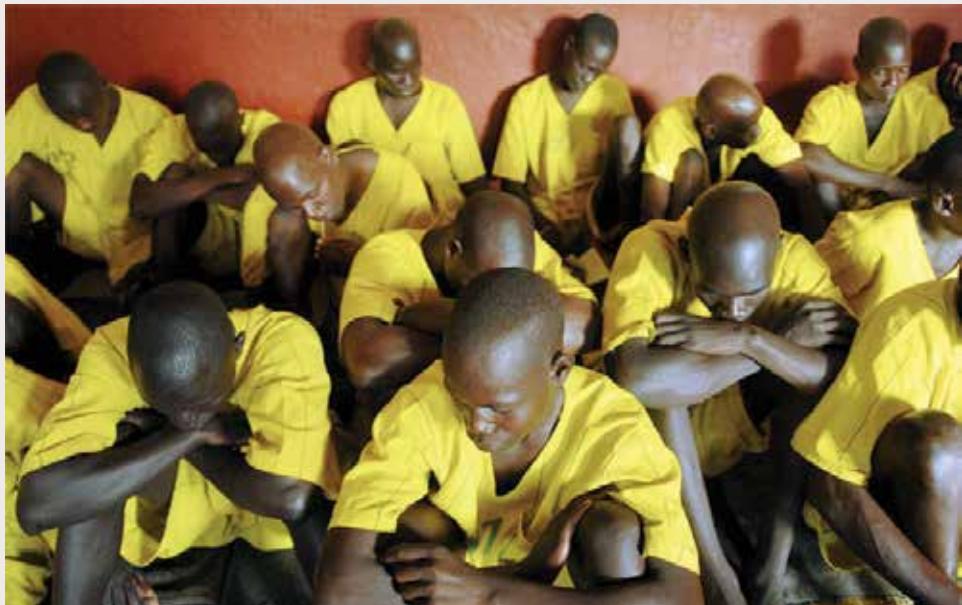
Judiciary, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Uganda Police, Uganda Prisons, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Law Reform Commission, Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Judicial Service Commission and the Tax Appeals Tribunal

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- JLOS to allocate 21 billion shillings over a period of three years towards the budget of the JLOS House. Rest of the funding to be provided by GoU through Public-private partnerships, contractor-sourced funding.



Representatives of seven of the nine bidders for the JLOS house project at the Kampala High Court complex

Innovations to tackle case backlog



Some of the prisoners awaiting trial on various offences.

Over the years, the Judiciary has been struggling with the problem of case backlog. Case backlog means work that is behind schedule or cases that should have been disposed of but remain pending. Thus, the well-known adage of justice delayed is justice denied puts the judiciary to task.

In order to tackle this task, alternative justice has been recommended as a mechanism that would greatly help reduce case backlog in courts. Indeed, the results from the pilot projects of plea bargain and small claims procedure are a testimony of the effectiveness of this alternative justice procedure.

Plea bargain and small claims procedure additional reforms the Judiciary has undertaken in effort to deal with case backlog. For example, previous reforms included 13 High Court Circuits, 7 High Court Divisions, 49 magisterial areas, and District Court Circuit structures established in the past few years to ease work and take justice delivery services closer to the people. In its plans this Law Year,

the Judiciary will expand circuits of the High Court to 18, Magisterial Areas to 89, High Court Judges to 82, Court of Appeal Justices to 32 as well as giving each district two magistrates. The Court of Appeal has equally intensified holding of sessions outside Kampala and disposing of hundreds of pending cases in the countryside.

Therefore while working with the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) framework, the Judiciary has devised a number of innovative alternative mechanisms of dispensing justice to manage case backlog and congestion in prisons.

Plea bargain

A plea bargain is an agreement in a criminal case between the prosecutor and the accused person whereby the latter agrees to plead guilty to a particular charge in return for some concession from the prosecutor. Plea bargain is already widely used in the developed world.

A voluntary plea of guilt under this mechanism may see the number or se-

verity of the charges against an accused person or their punishment reduced. Prosecutors encourage pleas of guilty under this programme to save time and resources for other cases and reduce the number of trials that judges need to oversee. It is also a chance to turn some accused persons into state witnesses.

Small Claim Procedure

This is another form of mediation in matters arising out of the supply of goods, debts and rent – not exceeding Shs10 million. The parties to a claim are mediated by a judicial officer to reach a quick agreement, without involving lawyers, and not going through the usually lengthy and costly court process. Agreements from Small Claims Procedure settlements are executed like any other court order, except that there is no chance for appeal.

According to Erias Kisawuzi, the Judiciary spokesman, previously the Commercial Court was initially giving more priority to parties with claims of at least Shs50 million yet there were small income earners without this kind of money who were being locked out; hence the need for small claims procedure. Kisawuzi says with small claims procedure cases are being disposed of within a month or less, thereby helping in solving the case backlog issue.

Fifteen courts are operating the small claims procedure on a pilot basis and soon the project will be rolled out across the country. ■

Grow Countrywide

Justice Kavuma tips Tax Appeals Tribunal



Acting Chief Justice, Steven Kavuma with members of the Tax Appeal Tribunal at the High Court in Kampala

Justice Steven B.K. Kavuma, the acting Chief Justice, wants the Tax Appeals Tribunal (TAT) to have presence in more parts of the country to serve taxpayers better.

"For it to be better known and appreciated by the taxpayers countrywide, it should endeavor to establish its presence in more than the four regional areas where they currently operate," he said, urging the Tribunal to expand beyond the Mbale, Gulu, Mbarara and Arua centers.

"Taxpayers are all over the country and should be enabled to easily access the services of the Tribunal. All this should be accompanied by extensive public information programs about the Tribunal's programs and procedures."

Justice Kavuma made the remarks

on January 29, 2015 at the Judiciary headquarters in Kampala while swearing in a five-man Tribunal membership recently appointed by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Maria Kiwanuka.

TAT's new membership includes Dr Asa Mugenyi (chairman), and members: Dr Stephen B. Akabway, George Wilson Mugerwa, Christine Nalubega Katwe and Siraj Ali. Justice Kavuma urged the new membership to work hard to clear the outstanding cases that may have built up in the past four months following the expiry of the tenure of the old Tribunal.

He also encouraged the team to focus more on building its internal capacity through appropriate training of its Members and the support staff including

the area of customer care.

The Tribunal was established in 1997 as a specialized court to handle disputes arising from the taxation decisions of the URA.

"I am glad to note that according to the Tax Appeals Tribunal Act, the Tribunal is independent and impartial. This is an essential element that should be maintained if justice is to be done in matters that come before the Tribunal," he said.

Hon. Justice Kavuma commended the Tribunal, the taxpayers, the URA, the lawyers, the accountants and all the other stakeholders who have, in one way or another, assisted TAT in its endeavors to fulfill its mandate. ■

Judiciary's 2014 highlights

Judicial Officers Promoted

On 9th January 2014, thirty judicial officers were promoted to different ranks within the Judiciary.

The promoted officers were deployed to work in the High Court Registries and Chief Magisterial Areas throughout the country. The timely promotions were meant to enhance and improve service delivery in the administration of justice.

Transfer of Judicial Officers

On 17th January 2014, 34 officers were transferred to various work stations in Uganda. This was a result of the recent Judicial Service Commission promotions of 30 officers to the ranks of deputy registrar, assistant registrar, chief magistrate and Grade One magistrates. This was effected with accordance Article 148 of the Constitution.

Principal Judge Commends Government

The Hon. Principal Judge, Hon. Justice Yorokamu Bamwine on January 19, 2014 said that if approved, the six new judges recently appointed by President Museveni, would bring the number of judges in service to 60. Four of the six judges will be designated to the High Court and two to the autonomous Industrial Court.

The 16th Annual Judges Conference

The 16th Annual Judges Conference 2014 was opened by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda on Monday January 27, 2014. The theme was "Enhancing Public Confidence in the Judiciary". The conference was a five day event and was crowned with the opening of the New Law year on Friday January 31, 2014.

Hon. Judges Concerned About "Fake Lawyers"

The Hon. Judges during their 16th annual conference on 30th January 2014, expressed concern about the scores of unsuspecting and desperate members of public who have been fleeced of their

money by phony lawyers.

The Hon. Judges said the public can find out if a lawyer has a valid practicing certificate from the Uganda Law Society.

New Law Year 2014

The New Law Year 2014 was opened by His Lordship the Ag. Chief Justice Hon. Justice Steven Kavuma Friday January 31, 2014 at the High Court in Kampala.

The ceremony was attended by their lordships and representatives from different embassies, members of the Uganda Law Society as well as the public.

Judiciary Receives the 2013 Public Sector Innovations Award

The Judiciary on Thursday February 27, 2014 received the 2013 Public Sector Innovations Award in recognition of its efforts in improving service delivery. The award was in recognition of the Judiciary's Small Claims Procedure; a mechanism of solving civil disputes on claims not exceeding UGX 10M. The award was set up by Public Service ministry.

Small Claims Procedure Launched in Mbarara

During the launch of Small Claims Procedure, an alternative method of dealing with civil proceedings in Mbarara District on March 14th 2014, Hon. Principal Judge Hon. Justice Dr. Yorokamu Bamwine, said small claims procedure would enable administration of justice on small claims to be expedited cheaply and support many since it does not require services from lawyers.

Twelve Grade One Magistrates Appointed

On 7th April, 2014, the Judicial Service Commission appointed twelve (12) new Grade One Magistrates of these to the Courts of Judicature. Of the 12 four (4) are women and eight (8) are men such as; H/W Alice Molly Adong, H/W Timothy Lumunye, H/W Esther Nyadói, H/W Paul Mujuni, and many others.

Launch of Small Claims Procedure in Jinja

On March 10, 2014; the official launch of the Small Claims Procedure took place at Jinja High Court. The function was presided over by the Hon. Principal Judge, Hon. Justice Dr. Yorokamu Bamwine, who warned errant judicial officers who solicit money from people in exchange of justice.

Judicial Officers Transferred

On 14th April 2014, the Judiciary transferred 17 officers to various work stations across the country. This follows the recent recruitment of 29 new Grade One Magistrates. The Transfers are aimed at re-distributing man power in all the 112 districts. One of them included H/W Cissy Mudhasi as Deputy Registrar, from Criminal Division to Supreme Court.

New Grade One Magistrates Sworn In

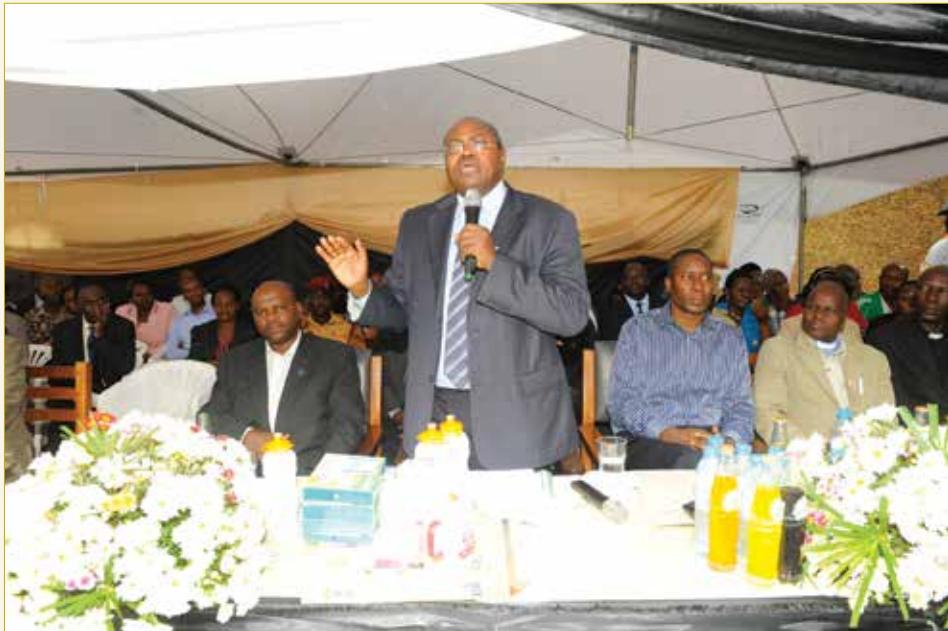
Twenty nine (29) new Grade One magistrates were on April 11, 2014 sworn-in and immediately posted to their workstations across the country. This latest recruitment is the largest single for Grade One magistrates in many years, and brings their number countrywide to 163.

Six Newly Appointed Judges Sworn In

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on April 29, 2014 officiated the swearing in of six newly appointed Judges of the High Court and Industrial Court. The President challenged the Hon. Judges in particular and the Judiciary at large to eliminate corruption from the judicial service and carry out their duties with the redemption of people in mind.

Newly Appointed Judges Deployed

Four out of the six recently sworn-in High Court Judges have been deployed to their new work stations with immediate effect. These were: Jinja High court received Lady Justice Patricia Basaza Wasswa, Mbale High court received Lady Justice Jessica Naiga Ayebazibwe while Justice David Matovu went to Mbarara High



Principal Judge Dr Yorokamu Bamwine at the launch of small claims in Mbarara

court and Lady Justice Margaret Mutonyi to Gulu High court.

Small Claims Procedure Launched at Makindye Chief Magistrates Court

Makindye Chief Magistrates' Court launched the Small Claims Procedure Program for individuals to recover money not exceeding UGX 10M during the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) open day at the court on Friday May 2, 2014. The open day was part of the public relations campaign during which JLOS institutions interact with the public and showcase their services.

Plea Bargaining to Start in Courts.

On 29th May, 2014, the Judiciary started piloting the practice called "plea bargaining", which the Hon. Principal Judge, Hon. Justice Dr. Yorokamu Bamwine, said has benefits for the State, the accused and society. The piloting has been carried out by the Nakawa High Court circuit, which covers Mpigi, Mubende, Entebbe, Kiboga and Nakawa.

Transfers in the Judiciary

On 9th July 2014, the Judiciary carried out transfers and deployments of 27 judicial officers in a bid to enhance effective

delivery of justice in the country. The transferred officials are at the ranks of Deputy Registrars, Assistant Registrars and Magistrates of both Grade One and Two. The Chief Registrar, His Worship Paul Gadenya who heads all the Registrars and Magistrates in the country, said all the affected judicial officers, should report to their new stations on August 4, 2014 to begin work.

Supreme Courts Delivers Ruling in the Lord Mayor's Case

On 22nd August 2014 - In a joint ruling delivered by the Deputy Registrar, His Worship Thaddeus Opesen on behalf of the five Hon. Justices of the Supreme Court ruled that they did not have jurisdiction to hear an appeal arising from a decision of one Hon. Justice of the Court of Appeal. They advised the Lord Mayor to take back his appeal to the Court of Appeal to be heard by three Hon. Justices.

Pilot Plea Bargaining Session in the Nakawa High Court Circuit.

On 29th August over 150 suspects under Nakawa High Court circuit pleaded guilty for criminal offences under the first ever plea bargain programme initiated

by the Judiciary and Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) as a strategy for reducing the huge case backlog in the country.

The Fifth Magistrates Conference

On 8th September 2014, the Ag. Chief Justice, Hon. Justice Kavuma at the fifth Magistrates conference held at Colline hotel in Mukono under the theme "Enhancing public confidence in the Judiciary" urged Magistrates to change the negative public perception of the Judiciary by avoiding unethical behavior in executing their duties.

Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conference

The Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conference organized by the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association (CMJA), took place from 8th September to the 11th September 2014 in Livingstone, Zambia. The conference under the theme "Judicial Independence: The Challenges of the Modern Era" covered areas like advance the administration of the law by promoting the independence of the judiciary, advance education in the law, the administration of justice, the treatment of offenders and the prevention of crime within the Commonwealth.

Hon. Lady Justice Solomy Balungi Bossa Appointed to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

During the 34th Ordinary Session of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, from 8th to 9th September 2014, Hon. Lady Justice Solomy Balungi Bossa and two other newly elected Judges were sworn-in at the Court's seat in Arusha Tanzania.

Talking sexual minorities rights

By Olive Kazaarwe Mukwaya

On the 8th February 2015, Her Worship Joyce Kavuma and I traveled to South Africa to attend a short course on Sexual Minorities Rights in Africa. This was upon the invitation of the Centre of Human Rights, a department at the Faculty of law at the University of Pretoria. The week long course was attended by participants from a total of 18 African countries. Uganda and Nigeria however, featured quite prominently in the discussions concerning the absence of protection of the rights of sexual minorities by lawful authorities. It is against this background that I thought it prudent to share some of the highlights of this short program.

1995 provides for non adoption of a State religion.

- Uganda is therefore a secular state. There is still evidence that homophobia; the fear of or revulsion at homosexuals; is fueled by the 'morality of the majority'. In other words even some of those who do not believe in God agree that the act is unacceptable to them.
- Professor Frans Viljoen argued that in order for the morality of the majority to stand, criminality of the act by state actors had to be linked to a demonstrable harm. So he posed the question; where two consenting same sex adults engage in the act in the
- had been violated by the State. The State has appealed that judgment and the appellate court has not yet pronounced itself on the matter.
- While Section 145(c) of the Penal Code Act criminalizes all carnal knowledge against the order of nature between persons of the same sex and also between heterosexual persons; law enforcement agencies are more inclined to arrest and prosecute homosexual persons than heterosexuals under this law.
- Two international human rights conventions which have been ratified by Uganda; The African Charter on Human and People's rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights both explicitly provide all people equal protection under the law. The question therefore is whether this protection does not extend to LGBTI persons? A question for our Constitutional court perhaps?
- Finally, out of the Bantu people of Africa, arose the notion of Ubuntu. A term used to denote the culture of mutual respect and tolerance among the people. Some participants said it is an ancient African concept which holds true even today. There are no hierarchies in Ubuntu and therefore no minorities.
- On the continuum that gauges the position of countries on the LGBTI rights, Uganda does not hold a progressive position. The acts are criminalized. But even in South Africa whose Constitution recognizes same sex relationships, homophobia is still quite high. The debate therefore rages on in Africa and the rest of the world. The Judiciaries in all these countries do play a key role in this regard and so does the Uganda Judiciary.



Ms Kazaarwe with other participants attending sexual minorities workshop in South Africa recently

- Sexual minorities are not limited to Lesbians (women) and Gays (men). They also include Bisexuals, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI).
- Violence against homosexuals is quite common in a number of African Countries and around the world.
- The moral argument against homosexuality in general is that holy teachings explicitly forbid it.
- Article 7 of the Uganda Constitution
- privacy of their home, how does that harm the majority who do not agree with the practice?
- Adrian Jjuuko, a local human right activist, presented on the state of affairs in Uganda. He highlighted a case involving a one Ugandan lesbian, Victor Mukasa, who won against the Government of Uganda after successfully arguing that her right to privacy enshrined in the Constitution

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Judicial officers as of March 2015

Justice Bart Magunda Katureebe	Chief Justice Designate	Lady Justice Elizabeth Kibula Kabanda	Land Division
Justice Steven D.K. Kavuma	Deputy Chief Justice Designate	Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga	Land Division
Dr Justice Yorkamu Bamwine	Principal Judge	Lady Justice Lydia Mugambe	Civil Division
Gadenya Paul Wolimbwa	Chief Registrar	Justice Duncan Gaswaga	Resident Judge, Mbarara
JUSTICES OF SUPREME COURT		Justice Vincent Okwanga	Resident Judge, Arua
Dr. Justice Benjamin Joses Odoki		Lady Justice Alexandra N. Rugadya	Family Division
Justice John Wilson Nattubu Tsekooko		Lady Justice Dr. Winfred Nabisinde	Resident Judge, Lira
Justice Galdino Moro Okello		Lady Justice Eva Luswata	Land Division
Lady Justice Christine Nakaseta Binayisa Kitumba		Justice Michael Elubu	Resident Judge, Kabale
Justice Jotham Tumwesigye		Lady Justice Margaret Mutonyi	Resident Judge, Gulu
Dr. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo		Justice David Matovu	Resident Judge, Mbarara
Lady Justice Stella Arach-Amoko		Lady Justice Patricia Basaza Wasswa	Resident Judge, Jinja
		Lady Justice Jessica Naiga Ayebazibwe	Resident Judge, Mbale
JUSTICES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL / COURT OF APPEAL		THE REGISTRARS	
Justice Fredrick Martin Stephen Egonda-Ntende		Isaac Muwata	Registrar High Court
Justice Augustine Nshimye		Kisawuzi Elias Omar	Registrar Planning & Devt/PRO
Justice Remmy Kasule		Byaruhanga Roy Milton	Registrar Supreme Court
Justice Eldad Mwanguusa		Chemutai Tom	Registrar Executions & Bailiffs
Justice Rubby Aweri Opio		Nakibule Kisekka Gladys	D/Registrar-Sentencing Guidelines
Lady Justice Faith E. Mwondha		Ssali Harriet Nalukwago	D/Registrar Inspectorate
Justice Richard Buteera		Waninda Fred K.B	D/Registrar Nakawa
Lady Justice Solomy Balungi Bossa		Asiimwe Tadeo	Ag. Registrar Inspectorate
Justice Kenneth Kakuru		Otto Michael Gulumali	D/Registrar Lands
Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire		Naula Mwandha Lillian C.	D/Registrar Special Projects
Prof Lady Justice Lillian Tibatemwa Ekirikubinza (Ph D)		Emuria Charles	D/Registrar Research and Training
JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT		Nizeyimana Deo	D/Registrar Court of Appeal
Justice Peter Kermit Keronega Onega	Amnesty Commission	Akankwasa Irene	D/Registrar ICD
Justice Moses Mukibi	Int'l Crimes Division (Head)	Kawuma Cissy Mudhasi	D/Registrar Lira
Justice Albert Frank Rugadya-Atwoki	Criminal Division (D/Head)	Anguandia Godfrey Opifeni	D/Registrar Supreme Court
Justice Paul Kahaibale Mugamba	Anti Corruption Div. (Head)	Opesen Thaddeus	Ass. Registrar Commercial Court
Justice David Kutosi. Wangutusi	Commercial Div. (Head)	Muse-Musimbi	Ass. Registrar Family
Justice Lameck Nsubuga Mukasa	Criminal Division (Head)	Didas Muhamuza	Ass. Registrar Mbarara
Justice Stephen Musota	Civil Division (Head)	Twinomuhwezi Henry	Ass. Registrar Gulu
Justice Ezekiel Muhangizi	Int'l Crimes Div D/Head /ACD	Festo Nsenga	Ass. Registrar, Civil
Lady Justice Margaret Oumo-Oguli	Resident Judge, Masaka	Acio Julia	Ass. Registrar Masaka
Justice Lawrence Gidudu	Anti Corruption (D/Head)	Wanume Deborah	Ass. Registrar Mbale
Lady Justice Jane F.B. Kiggundu	Executive Director, SI	CHIEF MAGISTRATES	
Justice Joseph Murangira	Criminal Division	Kwizera Amos	Ag. Ass. Reg. Inspectorate
Justice Simon Mugenyi Byabakama	Resident Judge, Masindi	Sserubuga Charles	Ibanda
Lady Justice Elizabeth Musoke	Civil Division (D/Head)	Rwatooro Muhendo Baker	Soroti
Justice Alfonse Owiny Dollo	Executions/Bailiffs	Praff Rutakirwa	Pallisa
Justice Benjamin Kabitulo	Civil Division	Katorogo M.M.	Kasese
Justice Wilson Kyesiga	Land Division (Head)	Mugabo Vincent Emmy	Mediation Registry
Lady Justice Elizabeth Ibanda Nahamya	Int'l Crimes Div./Nakawa	Kaggwa John Francis	Lira
Justice Wilson Masalu Musene	Resident Judge, Nakawa	Odoki Phillip	Ag. Ass. Reg. Jinja High Court
Justice Billy Kainamura	Commercial Div(D/Head)	Kavuma Joyce	Ag. Ass. Reg. Court Of Appeal
Lady Justice Hellen Abulu Obura	Commercial Division	Nabaggala Sylvia	Ag. Reg. Industrial Court
Dr Justice Andrew Bashaja	Land Division	Atukwasa Justine	Family Division
Lady Justice Percy Tuhaise	Family Division (Head)	Kanyange Susan	Jinja
Justice Nyanzi Yasin	Civil Division	Byaruhanga Rwigyema Jesse	Arua
Lady Justice Monica K. Mugenyi	Land Division	Angualia Moses Gabriel	Masindi
Justice Madrama Izama Christopher	Commercial Division	Wamala Boniface	Mengo
Lady Justice Catherine K. Bamugemereire	Family Division(D/Head)	Nassuna Flavia Matovu	Nakawa
Lady Justice Flavia Senoga Anglin	Commercial Division	Kabage Bahingiza Joy	Mityana and Mubende
Justice Henry Peter Adonyo	Commercial Division	Ssejumba Deogratius	Rukungiri
Lady Justice Margaret Tibulya	Anti Corruption Division	Mbabazi Agatonica Ahimbisibwe	Nebbi, Moyo
Lady Justice Elizabeth Alividza	Criminal Division	Agaba John	Moroto and Kotido
Justice Godfrey Namundi	Resident Judge, Jinja	Nambayo Esta	Lands
Lady Justice Henrietta Wolayo	Resident Judge, Soroti	Mafabi Richard	Ag. C/Magistrate, Makindye
Justice David Batema	Resident Judge, Fort Portal	Kasaka Muhamadi	Nabweru
Justice John Eudes Keitirima	Resident Judge, Gulu	Karemani Jamson K.	Criminal Div.
Justice Henry Kaweesa Isabirye	Resident Judge, Mbale	Kobusheshe Francis	Hoima and Kiboga

Birungi Herbert	Bushenyi	Semondo Benson	Kamuli
Khainza Eleanor Mary	Court of Appeal	Kabugo Byakutaga Caroline	Jinja/Bugembe
Komakech Robbs William	Kapchorwa	Egessa Wilberforce Masaaka	Jinja
Mponye Kolya Sarah	Tororo	Gakyaro Mpirwe Allan	Jinja
Lawrence Tweyanze	Executions & Bailiffs	Nyamwenge Immaculate	Jinja
Nkonge Agnes	Mukono	Kintu Imoran Isaac	Jinja
Ikit Mary	Masaka	Mukanza Robert	Njeru
Kazaarwe Olive Mukwaya	Ass. Reg. Planning & Dev't	Matenga Dawa Francis	Senior Principal GI, Wakiso
Bucyana Lillian	Buganda Road	Ninsiima Marion	Mpigi
Busingye Immaculate	study leave	Wekesa John Patrick	Nsangi
Langa Sarah	Anti Corruption	Sikhoya Naume	Buwama
Nabakooza Flavia	Iganga	Namata Harriet Nsibambi	Luwero
Emokor Samuel	Fort Portal	Imalingat Robert	Wobulenzi
Kaweesa Godfrey	Kabale	Kyomugisha Evelyne Setrina	Luwero
Atingu Beatrice Stella	Mbale	Obong George	Katikamu/Nakaseke
Ajji Alex Mackay	Mbarara	Kagoja Jackline	Nakasongola
Babiryie Mary	Luwero/Nakasongola	Kimono Juliana	Entebbe
Bareebe Rosemary Ngabirano	Mpigi	Kainza Beatrice	Entebbe
Abinyo Susan	Entebbe	Bagyenda Hope	Kajjansi
Ajio Hellen	Gulu	Wandera Wilson	Mubende
Omalla Felix	Kitgum	Basajabala Jalia	Mityana
MAGISTRATES GRADE ONE			
Talisuna Patrick	PA/CJ	Semwanga Nalugya Mariam	Kiboga
Lubowa Daniel	PA/DC	Yeteise Charles	Hoima
Singiza Douglas Karekona	PA/PJ	Gimugu Kabiri Kenneth	Kibaale
Serunkuma Isah	Principle GI-Training	Kitiyo Patrick	Hoima
Mugala Jane	Law Reporting	Toloko Simon	Kagadi
Munobe Samuel	S/Magistrate Grade I, PA/CR	Achoka Egesa Freddy	Masindi
Chemeri Jessica	Law Reporting	Atim Harriet Okello	Buliisa
Jolly Shwanda Nkore	Senior Principal - LDC	Nanteza Zulaika	Kiryandongo/Kigumba
Baligeya Moses Mufumbiro	LDC	Kwizera Vian	Fort Portal
Sempala Dorothy Lwanga	Principal GI-Anti Corruption	Barigye Said	Kamwenge
Okeny Sussane Abwoch	Anti Corruption	Bbosa Michael	Fort Portal
Amoko Patricia	Anti Corruption	Niwha Shallon	Bundibugyo
Alum Agnes	Anti Corruption	Muhumuza Asuman	Fort Portal
Kisakye Mary Lukwago	S/P Buganda Rd	Natwijuka Aloysius Baryenza	Kyeggegwaa
Muhiiirwa Araali Kagoro	Buganda Road/APRO	Ngamije Mbale Faishal	Fort Portal
Lamunu Pamela Ocaya	Buganda Road	Nabafu Agnes	Kyenjojo
Mukasa Sanyu	Buganda Road	Mfitundinda George	Kasese
Kakooza Elias	Senior GI, City Hall	Longoli Matthew	Bwera
Mushebebe Moses Nabende	City Hall	Akullo Elizabeth Ogwal	Kisoro
Ereemye Jumire James M.	Principal GI, Mengo	Kiryu Martins	Kabale
Kagoda Samuel Ntende	Mengo	Nyadoi Esther	Kabale
Nambatya Irene	Mengo	Muhimbise Gordon	Mitooma
Natukunda Janeva	Mengo	Mujuni Paul	Bushenyi
Nasambu Esther Rebecca	Senior GI, Mengo	Achok Abrahams Moding	Buhweju/Nsiika
Kule Moses Lubangula	GI, Mengo	Ndabamanya Sande B. Duncan	Rukungiri
Sayekwo Emmy Geoffrey	Senior Principal, Mwanga II	Nsobya Ronald Kamya	Rukungiri
Katushabe Prossy	Mwanga II	Oji Phillips	Kanungu
Mushabe Alex Karocho	Sen. Principal, Nakawa	Ndangwa Richard	Ntungamo
Baguma Emmanuel	Principal, Nakawa	Tusiime Sarah Bashaija	Mbarara Municipal
Nantege Christine	Nakawa	Bwambale Daniel Busathiro	Mbarara
Lumunye Timothy	Nakawa	Mangeni Marion	Isingiro
Birungi Phionah	Nakawa	Opio Belmos Ogwang	Mbarara
Aanyu Margaret	Kira	Nankya Winnie	Kiruhura
Ayo Miriam Eddy Okello	Principal, Makindye	Muhangi Saverino G. Bugingo	Ibanda
Watyekere V.W.	Makindye	Kintu Christine Caroline	Rakai-sick
Kamasanyu Gladys M	Makindye	Nakibinge Latif Abubakar	Rakai
Nuwagaba Stella M.	Nabweru	Twakiyire Samuel	Kalangala
Borore Julius K.	Kasangati	Bamuhiga Patric	Lyantonde
Namusoba Sarah	Nabweru	Ajuna Doreen	Sembabule
Mbabazi Edith Mary	Nabweru	Muinda Tadeo	Masaka
Nakyazze Rachael	Nabweru/Matugga	Nambozo Joy	Kalisizo
Amono Monica	Senior Principal, Lugazi	Acaa Ketty Joan	Tororo/Butaleja
Nabaasa Ruth	Principal Kayunga	Kaibe Cherotich	Magistrate Grade I, Tororo
Nsengo Roseline	Mukono	Teko Lokeris G.	Busia
Tibagonzeka Jane	Lugazi	Nvanguni Sylvia	Iganga
Amabilis Stella Maris	Nakifuma	Karamagi Pamela	Kaliro
		Nassozi Rehema Sebowa	Busembatia



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Nakadama Esther	Buyende	Gidudu Fred	Itojo/Ndeiza	
Kintu Zirintuusa S.	Mayuge	Bakulumia Margaret	Busesa	
Komakech Kenneth	Bugiri	Najuko Bena	Baitambogwe	
Agwero Catherine	Mbale	Chemonges Satya	Ivukula/Ikulwe/Sigulu	
Angura Fionah Sheila	Bubulo/Bududa	Olal Odora	Malongo/Buwumi/Kigandalo	
Karungi Doreen Olga	Mbale	Okipi John Robert	Kamuli	
Awidi Suzan	Sironko	Onyang Jolly Rose	Nakawa	
Basemera Sarah	Budaka	Napiyo Agnes	Luzira	
Kedi Paul	Pallisa	Okwalinga David	Pallisa	
Opio James	Bukwo	Kahawa Basil	Masafu	
Matovu Hood	Kapchorwa	Hasashya Noah	Katunguru/Ndyekye	
Namisi Hope	Kumi	Nuwagira Richard	Katerera/Kyeizoba	
Lagara Michael	Principal Grade I, Kumi***	Sayekwo Emmy Kintu	Kakindu/Bulela	
Alule Augustine Koma	Katakwi	Tiru Kachwamba Silve	Fort Portal	
Bomukama Muhwezi Pamela	Soroti	Mulindwa Nathan	Fort Portal	
Matyama Paul	Bukedea	Mwine M. David	Kensunga/Sanga Ibanda	
Nantaawo Agnes Shelagh	Ngora	Saabu Steven K.	Hima/Bugoye, Kasese	
Balintuma Grace	Moroto	Mbonigaba Didas	L. Katwe/Kisinga	
Lochomin Peter Fred	Nakapiripirit	Rubaromba Francis M.	Kasese	
John Paul Obuya	Kotido/Abim	Odoi Moses Tabu	Muyembe/Bulaago	
Byamugisha Derick	Kaabong	Kunikina David G.	Busoba, Mbale	
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Mulondo Mastula	Dokolo	Ochen Francis	Lira	
Wagana Margaret Annie Ihoreere	Lira	Atepu Levi	Soroti	
Ssajabi Noah Norbert	Orum/Otuke	Apedu John Michael	Kalaki/Otuboi	
Achayo Rophine	Lira	Elagu Joseph	Serere	
Ssemaganda Grace Richard	Lira	Okello Eyolu	Soroti	
Oburu Morris Ezra	Oyam/Anyeke	Waako Charles	Buseruka/Kakumiyo	
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Kayizzi Ronald	Adjumanji	Luwaga D.A.G.	Kasambya/Kiganda	
Angole Joseph	Moyo	Chilla Okonye Michael	Pakwach/Parombo	
Mugagga John Kavuma	Nebbi	Kumakech George	Buliisa/Budongo/Biiso	
Okongo Japyem G.	Paidha	Ojok Oceng Alfred	Diima/Kiryandongo/Kigumba	
Ocen Simon	Koboko	Muhanguzi Copan	Matete, Masaka	
Okwong Stella Pacaul	Arua	Nasimolo Michael	Mbirizi/Kyazanga	
Palodi Everest Faith	Arua	Baguma Catherine	Kalungu/Lukaya	
Awacnedi Freddie	Yumbe	Bbosa Charles Lutalo	Kasaali	
Owino Paul Abdonsion	Gulu	Okoth Oloo	Kasangati	
Okot Edward David	Amuru	Kawooya Kigongo	Kasangati	
Akello Irene	Patongo	Mugisha Elias N.	Buhara/Kamugangazi	
Odwori Ponsiano Romans	Pader	Kadisi Charles	Rwamuchuchu/Kasambya	
Rukundo Isaac	Kitgum	Waako Charles	Kisoro	
Hatanga Harty Juliet	Senior GI, Study Leave	Abahwere Fortunate	Tororo/Kisoko	
MAGISTRATES GRADE II				
Kamba Richard	Mukono	Adipa Cyprian	Mukujju	
Opolot Odeke Mackay	Buvuma Islands/Buyikwe	Lotyang Paolins A.	Kotido	
Othieno Christopher	Mukono/Kome	Lutaya Charles	Kihibi, Rukungiri	
Opio Charles K.	Ntengeru	Musolo Elijah	Moroto	
Bagatya Irene M.	Kangulumiira	Wokorach Alfred	Interdiction	
Wabuze Lydia	Nakifuma			
Olinga Richard	Sipi/Kaproron			
Wambaya James	Kakiri			
Muhumuze Peregrin	Matugga/Gombe			
Kercan P. Prosper	Kibibi/Kamengo			
Kajerero Herman	Maddu/Kanoni			
Ojikan Francis	Bujjuuko			
Kibaba Masafu	Buwama			
Namagembe Maxensia	Bugembe			
Nabeta Igeme R.	Nawanyago			
Waidhuba Steven	Nyimbwa/Bombo			
Rutajengwa Edphonse	Ngoma/Semuto			
Muwonge Noah Muhamad	Busunju/Bukomero			
Rwecungura Israel	Bwizibwera/Rubindi			
Tusiime Anania	Ruhama/Rwashamaire			
Gatera Resty	Rubaare			
JUDICIAL OFFICERS - SUMMARY BY GENDER				
CATEGORY				
Justices of the Supreme Court	5	3	8	
Justices of the Court of Appeal	9	3	12	
Judges of the High Court	31	20	51	
Chief Registrar	1	-	1	
Registrars	4	-	4	
Deputy Registrars	6	5	11	
Assistant Registrars	5	2	7	
Chief Magistrates	24	22	46	
Senior Principal G I	3	3	6	
Principal Magistrates Grade I	4	3	7	
Senior Magistrates Grade I	5	3	8	
Magistrates Grade I	73	69	142	
Magistrates Grade II	61	11	72	
Total	171	133	375	



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